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VICTIMS' MEMORIAL**April 4, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that family, friends and community members came together for a vigil, to honor the victims of the mass shooting in Oakland. They prayed in Korean, Hebrew and Tibetan languages to reflect the victims' backgrounds.

SCIENTIST CAMP BREA**April 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that youngsters at the Brea Community Center got some lessons in zoology. Children aged five to 12 took part in a Spring Break camp. Whales, tigers and other animals were discussed, as the students were able to learn while having fun at the same time.

BASIC NEEDS**April 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that a study shows more than half of L.A. County's older residents don't have enough income to meet their basic needs. The L.A. County Community and Senior Services, and the Department of Aging conducted the study. The problem is even more pronounced among women, blacks and Latinos.

SKID ROW RESCUE CATS**April 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that the LAPD joined community volunteers for an unusual animal rescue mission—trying to round up close to 50 cats at a vacant skid row church. Volunteers took the cats to a guest home for assessment.

ROMNEY HISPANIC VOTE**May 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rick Sallinger reports on how the Hispanic vote is key to 'campaign 2012'. Republicans are hoping they can win enough Latino voters to swing the election for Mitt Romney.

BLACKS AND GAY MARRIAGE**May 13, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Athena Jones reports that gay marriage was the focus of church sermons all across the country this Mother's Day. Many African-American churches are divided over the issue, and their support of the President.

ALZHEIMER FACILITY**May 21, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Maynarich reports on a controversy, as a community raises a ruckus about a new move-in: an expanding group home for Alzheimer's and dementia patients. But the people behind the facility say residents have nothing to worry about.

MELROSE MEETING**May 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amanda Burden reports live with the story of how although they're supposed to help people with drug and alcohol addiction, some critics say sober living homes are driving residents out of their neighborhood. People in the Fairfax district are taking the issue to a town hall meeting.

STRAIGHT GAY LEADER**June 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sibila Vargas reports that there is a new leader for the gay and lesbian community in Sacramento, and she's straight. Shara Perkins Murphy is the new head of the Gay and Lesbian Center there. She says she finds parallels between the civil rights struggles of African Americans and the LGBT community.

COMMUNITY CLOSURES**June 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that a budget shortfall in Placentia could mean kids have fewer places to play this summer. The Orange County City Council is considering closing several community pools, parks and two recreation centers, in order to trim \$31,000 from the city budget.

NATIVITY SCENES**June 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that it's official in Santa Monica: there will be no unattended nativity scenes and other religious displays in Palisades Park. At the center of the controversy—the series of nativity scenes displayed each Christmas season along Ocean Avenue.

Council members say they want to bring harmony back to the community.

FESTIVAL LAGUNA BEACH**June 29, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how the annual Sawdust Festival kicked off in Laguna Beach. The festival features fine art and crafts from more than 200 artists. Thousands of visitors come from all over to check it out.

BIEBER BULLIED

April 11, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the documentary film, "Bully", is playing in theaters in Southern California. It's calling attention to the problem of kids being bullied and the impact it has on them. Singer Justin Bieber is helping promote the film, saying he was bullied when he was younger.

TEACHER HEARINGS

April 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that thousands of L.A. teachers are making a final plea for their jobs. Hearings are being held to make sure the more than 9,500 employees who received layoff notices are being treated fairly.

COST TO LIVE NEAR SCHOOL

April 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Lisa Sigell reports on how every parent wants the best possible education for their children, but it's going to cost them. A new report shows that a home in a neighborhood with a good school system costs hundreds of thousands of dollars more than one in an area with lower-performing schools.

YOGA FOR YOUTH

April 30, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Keith Garvin reports that some children and parents are getting fit by taking yoga classes in a unique setting, through a program at a museum that is blending art and yoga.

SCHOOL LUNCH FRAUD

May 12, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Sharyl Attkisson reports that a major investigation targeting the school lunch industry is underway. The big companies that decide what food goes on your child's plate, may be cheating schools and taxpayers out of millions of dollars.

USC TUITION HIKE**May 16, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how student protesters disrupted the University of California's Board of Regents meeting. The students put on orange suits and marched into the meeting chanting against tuition hikes. The Regents were set to consider a plan to raise tuition another 6% in the fall.

ZUMBA FOR KIDS**May 24, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Susan Kendricks reports that adults have been jamming to Zumba, and now kids are getting in on the popular dance fitness program. The packed classes could help change the child obesity trends.

HIRE A YOUTH**May 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on how in this tough economy, it's even harder for teens to find summer jobs. But the city of Long Beach is again launching a program that seeks to put 400 young people to work. Pacific Gateway, a workforce development agency, is helping make the "Hire-a-Youth" summer program a success.

CALICINTO RANCH**June 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reports on how there are more than 70-thousand children of prisoners here in Southern California. Seven out of ten of these children will follow their parents into incarceration. But one ranch in San Jacinto is trying to change that.

LAUSD DEAL**June 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that the L.A. Unified school board has approved a cost-cutting deal with its Teacher's Union. It'll shorten the school year, and force teachers to take unpaid days off.

FOOD ALLERGIES**June 25, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that a new study finds most young children with known food allergies still have serious allergic reactions every year. There are several reasons why this is happening, despite their parents' best efforts.

STUDENT LOANS**June 29, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that students, and many of their parents, can breathe a huge sigh of relief, as the U.S. House is freezing interest rates on student loans. More than 7-million students hold federal loans. Without this bill, the federally subsidized interest rate would have ballooned to six-point-eight percent soon.

L.A. PAPER BAG FEE**April 4, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the city of L.A. is considering a 10-cent fee on paper shopping bags, and a complete ban on plastic bags. The fee is being offered as an alternative to another proposal, which would ban all plastic and paper bags. The Board of Public Works recommended the ban, saying it would reduce litter.

GLENDALE BEAR**April 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports live from La Crescenta, on how residents there and in Glendale are on high alert after another bear sighting in their neighborhood. People are afraid the bear is getting bolder.

TREE PLANTING SANTA ANA**April 19, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that students in Santa Ana took their class outside to plant trees. The students at Wallace Davis Elementary School planted ten pear trees along the parkway behind the school. The students learned about the environment and how trees help people live.

WAYWARD DOLPHIN**April 28, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Kaj Goldberg reports on how a group of marine mammal experts are keeping watch on a disoriented dolphin, after it became stranded in a channel in Huntington Beach. Rescuers had tried to persuade the seven-foot mammal to head for deep water, but it remained in Bolsa Bay.

SOLAR SCHOOL**May 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Ann Notarangelo reports that a Bay Area school district is sharing a valuable lesson about cutting costs by harnessing the power of the sun. Voters approved a series of solar schools, which are now saving the district money.

PENGUIN HABITAT**May 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joy Benedict reports that love is in the air at the Aquarium of the Pacific. A breeding frenzy helped populate a new penguin exhibit, and we take a sneak peek at the penguin playground.

GRIFFITH PARK BALL FIELD**May 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a leading environmental group doesn't want to play ball with Los Angeles. It thinks a plan for more ball fields in Griffith Park is a bad idea, as they fear it will take away picnic space and require trees to be removed.

WESTSIDE SUBWAY**May 31, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the Beverly Hills Unified School District has filed a lawsuit to block a planned subway tunnel that would run underneath Beverly Hills High School. The suit says the MTA ignored potential environmental consequences, and rushed approval of its decision without considering all potential alternatives for the subway's path.

MALIBU LAGOON CONTROVERSY**June 1, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that controversial work to clean up the Malibu Lagoon was scheduled to have begun, but has been postponed. Protesters were at the entrance on Pacific Coast Highway demanding the project be put off indefinitely. Opponents include environmentalists, surfers and local celebrities.

VENUS TRANSIT**June 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on a rare celestial event that has stargazers excited. The planet Venus is passing directly between the earth and the sun, and crowds of amateur astronomers are gathering at the Griffith Observatory and many other places, to witness Venus in transit. This phenomenon won't happen again for another 105 years.

EYE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**June 21, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how sister CBS is doing its part to keep the world a little bit cleaner by hosting the Third Annual Eye on the Environment event. Speakers talked about alternative

energy options, recycling and community initiatives to get more people involved in saving the environment.

NRDC BEACH REPORT**June 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joy Benedict reports that just in time for the 4th of July holiday, an environmental group has released its latest 'beach pollution report'. It isn't pretty, but contains details of Southern California's best and worst beaches.

AUTISM TREATMENT

April 2, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on World Autism Awareness Day. Doctors are using the occasion to urge early diagnosis of the condition. Doctors don't know what causes autism, but they do know that early diagnosis, intervention and treatment can make a tremendous difference, since the condition affects language and social skills.

DENTAL X-RAYS

April 10, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there are new warnings about the dangers of too many dental x-rays. A study reveals patients who have dental x-rays might increase their risk of brain cancer. Patients are exposed to lower doses of radiation now than in the past, but the American Dental Association says children and adults should get x-rays only every two years, maximum.

UCLA HIV STEM CELL

April 17, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports on how UCLA researchers have found a way to use stem cells to attack and kill the HIV virus, and provides a look at how their discovery works.

EAT CLEAN LEAN

April 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that with summer fast-approaching, families will be busier than ever with all kinds of activities. So it can be even harder to get a healthy dinner on the table in minutes. Registered dietician Ashley Koff provides tips on how to eat 'clean and lean'.

DEMENTIA

May 11, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that researchers have found that many seniors with dementia live in community settings, and not in nursing homes. This contradicts the commonly-held view that most individuals with dementia eventually move to nursing homes.

SLEEPWALKING**May 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that more adults are now admitting they sleepwalk. Stanford researchers found more than eight-million U.S. adults experience sleepwalking, and found that the use of over-the-counter sleep aids increased the likelihood of sleepwalking in some adults.

HEALTH INSURANCE BALLOT**May 18, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports on how a health insurance battle is brewing. The state insurance commissioner and consumer groups say Californians are paying too much. So they collected signatures to put a measure on the ballot to hold insurance prices down.

BREAST RECONSTRUCTION**May 27, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Wendy Rigby reports that an innovative type of breast reconstruction surgery is giving women recovering from cancer new hope. It's a procedure that results in natural-looking anatomy after cancer is removed. Advocates say more women need to know that implants and prosthetics aren't the only option.

RABIES ALERT**June 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports on a rabies scare. Several animals have tested positive for the disease in San Bernardino County. And health officials have a message for everyone.

BOTULISM SOUP**June 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that there is a botulism warning. The California Department of Public Health says some soups purchased at farmers' markets may be contaminated with the toxin, which can cause paralysis and death. The soups were sold in clear glass jars at farmers' markets in Pacific Palisades, Calabasas and Studio City.

HEALTHY AGING**June 19, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Michael Jones reports that although no one has figured out a way to stop the aging process, there is such a thing as "healthy aging" that centers on making health choices in what you eat, what you do, and your relationships. Health expert Doctor Andrew Weil offers some advice.

HEALTHCARE**June 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that up to four million people will be getting health insurance in California. That's the estimate, following the Supreme Court's ruling to uphold President Obama's landmark healthcare law.

OBAMA TAXES**April 13, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the President and Mrs. Obama have released their joint income tax return. About half of the First Family's income is the President's salary, and the other half is from sales of the President's books.

SECRET SERVICE SCANDAL**April 18, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the Secret Service prostitution scandal is growing. President Obama's security detail may have partied with at least 20 prostitutes before the President's trip to Colombia last week. High-ranking Secret Service members and members from every branch of the military are under investigation.

MAYOR BUDGET**April 21, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has unveiled his final city budget. He's trying to close a \$238-million deficit. Job cuts and pension reform are high on the list.

BIN LADEN POLITICS**April 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 reporter Jim Acosta reports that the one-year anniversary of the death of Osama Bin Laden is upon us. The death of the man who orchestrated the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center is now a hot-button issue in the presidential race, and Mitt Romney finds himself on the defensive.

D.A. CANDIDATES**May 2, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that one of the most important races for L.A. County voters on the June 5th ballot is the contest for District Attorney. The big name in the campaign is Carmen Trutanich, and for the first time he has faced off against four major opponents at a candidate forum.

OBAMA GAY MARRIAGE**May 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports on how President Obama has revealed his stance on gay marriage. He says that he does in fact support same-sex unions. Gay rights activists have been waiting for this day, and what the President has said could affect the outcome of the November elections.

GOVERNOR BUDGET PLAN**May 13, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports live from downtown L.A. to discuss the Governor's request for new taxes. Governor Jerry Brown says more painful budget cuts are needed to close a multibillion-dollar budget shortfall.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS**May 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Danielle Nottingham reports on how 'campaign 2012' is heating up. Mitt Romney is expected to win enough delegates in Texas to earn the title "presumptive nominee". But the Obama campaign is criticizing Romney for his association with Donald Trump.

BALLOT EXPLAINER**June 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from outside the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder's office, with details on how the polls will soon be officially open for the California primary. For the voters, it's expected to be a noticeably different experience, as there are monumental changes that make this unique from any state primary in history.

WHITE HOUSE LEAKS**June 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that the heads of both the House and Senate intelligence committees are calling on the Justice Department to ignore politics, when investigating the leaks of classified information.

ROMNEY IMMIGRATION**June 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that GOP presidential hopeful Mitt Romney refused to say whether he would overturn the President's policy that allows some illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S. He was asked three times during an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation".

Romney accused the President of being motivated by politics on his immigration stance.

HEALTHCARE UPDATE**June 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

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OAKLAND SHOOTING**April 2, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Ines Ferre reports on breaking news, as a private Christian university is rocked by a deadly massacre. A gunman went on a shooting spree, killing at least five people at Oakland Oikos University.

LITTLE TOKYO ATTACKS**April 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Cristy Fajardo reports live from police headquarters, where police are on the hunt for an attacker who brutally attacked two women during a robbery in Little Tokyo.

GLENDALE CRIME RING**April 23, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that police are taking a high profile and proactive stand against a South L.A. crime ring. The gang of burglars is hitting expensive homes near freeways.

FREEWAY SHOOTING**April 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports live from Carson, with a warning from the L.A. County Sheriff's office—there appears to be a serial shooter on the loose. They believe five incidents in the past eight days may all be linked to the same man, who is using a shotgun.

DWP DUI ARREST**May 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Investigative Reporter David Goldstein reports that a Los Angeles DWP supervisor is accused of drinking on the job, and crashing several cars. There are details on the evidence police found inside the city truck.

HIT AND RUN**May 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that a survivor of a hit and run is describing being attacked. Pablo Ortiz remains bedridden after he says he was deliberately run over in Santa Ana. The incident was

caught on security camera. A driver of an Econoline van backed over him, then drove over Ortiz while he was on the ground.

DANA POINT DRUG BUST

May 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Edward Lawrence reports live from Dana Point, with the story of how U.S. Customs is trying to track down the source of 8,000 pounds of marijuana found floating in the waters off Orange County.

ARMY SERGEANT KILLED

May 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports on a plea for help to find the person who killed Nathan Taylor. His family and law enforcement have held an emotional news conference, and also announced a reward.

OFFICER VEHICLE SHOOTING

June 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that investigators are trying to find the gunman who opened fire on an off-duty LAPD officer, shortly after he left work. The officer's personal car was sprayed with bullets on the northbound 5 freeway. The motive for the shooting remains a mystery.

PREGNANT WOMAN SHOT

June 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Amanda Burden reports live from Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, with details on how a pregnant woman is fighting for her life after she was shot in the face while inside a car.

L.A. RAPIST SEARCH

June 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that a suspected rapist is behind bars. Police believe he's responsible for a string of violent attacks in South L.A. There have been four attacks in just a few days, with the latest one happening at a bus stop near Manchester and Normandie.

SOCCER COACH ARREST

June 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that police have announced the arrest of the girls' soccer coach from Ontario Christian High School. Ontario Police say 56-year-old Earl Wayne Gann was arrested after it was

reported that he sexually assaulted a 14-year-old soccer player at the school.

AIRLINE QUALITY 2011

April 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on a bit of good news for travelers. It seems flying is actually getting better for passengers, and a new reports showcases how airline quality improved in 2011.

UNNECESSARY TESTS

April 4, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports on how a new report indicates that 45 medical tests and procedures are often unnecessary. The report as conducted by nine physician groups, the Consumers Union, and the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation. Unnecessary tests aren't just expensive, they can also lead to unnecessary treatment.

GAS PRICES

April 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that it looks like gas prices may have topped off. Locally, Los Angeles is paying about \$4.24 per gallon, which is down about 15 cents from a month ago. Analysts say if there are no oil disruptions, prices should stabilize as we head into summer.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

April 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how the economy and jobs are considered the central issues in the upcoming presidential election. And a new government report indicates the economy is slowing.

BEST CITY FOR CHEAPSKATES

May 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the best city for cheapskates, or those just looking to stretch a dollar in this tough economy, is St. Louis. The Council for Community and Economic Research looked for metropolitan areas with low living costs and high incomes.

PARKING PRICES**May 8, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that if you get caught in a 'no parking' zone in L.A. on street sweeper days, it could soon cost you more. Mayor Villaraigosa is asking for a parking fine increase of \$10 on parking tickets. If approved by the City Council, a street sweeping parking violation will go up to \$78.

CALIFORNIA BUDGET**May 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that Governor Jerry Brown's proposal to cut more than eight-billion dollars from the state budget is already taking some heat. Brown held two news conferences to explain the cuts—one in Sacramento, then another in L.A.—but it did little to quiet opponents.

METROLINK PRICES**May 31, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Metrolink is hiking fares by 7%. That means an extra \$20.25 for monthly passes, affecting about 40,000 daily Metrolink passengers. This fare hike is the largest in the agency's 19-year history.

HIGH CHAIR RECALL**June 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that a popular high chair is being recalled. Parents are being urged to stop using Evenflo's convertible high chair. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the tray can detach unexpectedly.

ECONOMY VACANT HOMES**June 10, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Athena Jones reports on how as the economy slowly recovers from the worst financial crisis in decades, many cities across America are facing a growing number of abandoned buildings. One city is planning to reverse that trend.

4TH FIRE SAFETY**June 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on a reminder about the dangers of fireworks. L.A. city officials exploded watermelons to show how fireworks can cause severe injury. Experts emphasize that it's

important to buy consumer-approved fireworks, rather than cheap or unregulated ones.